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Something stiff and unyielding encased his left leg; his left arm was rigidly bound in splints.

He put his right hand to his face. It was absurdly decorated with surgeon's plaster, and a bandage was swathed about his forehead. The odor of carbolic and lodoform filled the

His head throbbed strangely, and sharp pains shot through the left arm.

corner and came quickly and noise-lessly to the bed. It was a woman clothed in dull gray and wearing a

She gently smoothed the pillow, and with a deft touch cased the bandage to rise, had passed. Then his eyes opened wearily. He was faint and

"What's happened?" he asked. The voice that answered him was low and soothing.

"You met with an accident, Mr. McGregor-a serious accident. But it's all right now. Time and quiet will do wonders for you."

"How'd it happen?" said he. You were thrown from a trap-"

"Ah!" he said with sudden enlightenment. "Diavolo bolted at the road roller-rein broke-I was just getting him down when it broke. This morn-

Tuesday morning," she corrected. "And to-day is?" "Friday."

"Humph!" McGregor "You're the nurse, eh?" Yes," she said.

"Well, nurse get me up as soon as you can. I want to get at that horse again. I'll teach him a few things yet. I never let a horse-or anything else, for that matter-get the better of me," he added grimly. "You must be very quiet," she cau-

"All right"

"And sleep as much as you can." Obediently he closed his eyes, and soon was breathing deeply and evenly. When he awoke next morning, his eyes fell first on the nurse. She gave him a cheerful "good morning," and he looked her over closely.

She was very pretty, and her big. sympathetic eyes struck some hidden chord in McGregor's gruff soul. "See here," he said. "I want to be frank with you. I'm a bachelor and a

woman hater. Moreover, I'm not used to being helpless like this. I shall be a devilish hard patient to handle. But I'll do my best," he added hum-

"I'm sure you will," she said with a merry light in her eyes. "This is my first offence in this line, you know," he went on, "and if I behave like sin, you won't mind too

much, will you?" "No, indeed," she said heartily, "Good!" he said. "I wanted you to understand from the start. I shall probably take to cursing before long." "You may-'cus' as much as you like," she laughed, and since it was

ed, too. In the ensuing days, McGregor thought much. Heretofore, life had been to him the market, the club and

an infectious laugh, McGregor laugh-

Instead of being a patient "devilish hard to handle," he was docile and acquiescent. He was experiencing a strange, sweet contentment that all the previous years of his hard, unre lenting, self-made success had never given him.

"You haven't 'cussed.'" she reminded him mockingly one day. "You've made me forget how," he said, looking at her with an intensity she found disconcerting.

McGregor had progressed rapidly. That afternoon he was propped up in a chair by the window. It had grown too dark for her to read aloud to him longer, and she laid aside the book. "You won't need a nurse much longer," she laughed.

"Huh!" said he. "Won't I, though? I'm worse than you think." "Nonsense! You're nearly as good

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E. JONES.

"You've changed my whole standpoint of life," he said earnestly. "The horses, the money, all the rest don't

matter now. The only thing worth while is you-Mabel." "It's-it's just because you're ill and weak," she began with averted face, "It isn't," he denied flatly.

"You are rich," she said weakly. People would say I married you for your money."
"If you loved me, would you care

what they said?" She shook her head, "Look at me," he commanded. "Do

you care what they say? "No," she said softly. "I wish you'd call up the stable for

She went to the telephone in the next room. "Here they are," she called pres-

"Tell them to give Diavoio all the oats he wants," said McGregor harpily .- By T. Blair Eaton.

I ne Woman Minister Here to Stay. The woman minister has come to stay in Congregationalism. While other denominations, like the Methodists and Episcopalians, refuse to or dain women, the Congregational denomination, in most sections of the country at least, seems willing to approve well qualified women or to extend to them the same opportunities in the Congregational ministry that are offered to worthy and well educated men. The divinity schools of the denomination admit women to their courses, and some of them, like Hartford Theological Seminary, make a specialty of the opportunities offered women.

And yet it is not likely that there will be such a pressure from the feminine side of the house into the tanks of the ministry as to crowd the men to the wall. Here and there a man Remember the old saying, "Procrasfor a brilliant, attractive woman, but into competition with a man possess

And at any rate, as in the case of tain that, provided they possess the desirable natural and sequired qualifications, women will be welcome in the Congregational ministry at least, and find an important work to do for their fellow men and women. - Hoston

BLACKMAIL IN MANCHURIA.

Polite Form Used by the Russian Officials.

A story which illustrates the methods of Russian officials is told by a traveler recently returned from the far East. In an important town in the Ango-Saxon race who has established a successful business, despite the restrictions imposed upon him. Periodically, however, he is reminded that he is there only on sufferance by the receipt of a letter from the allpowerful governor, which reads some thing like this: "Dear Sir: It is proposed to raise a monument to the beloved memory of the late Emperor, and, knowing how deeply interested you are in all that affects the people tured to put down your name for 1,000 roubles. Please remit the amount as early as possible.' At one time the monument is to an Emperor, another time to a national poet, or a historian, or a General. Needless to say, the proposals never get beyond the committee stage-the Governor constitut- write to ing the committee. The demands are simply " polite form of blackmail, of which the merchant is well aware, but they must be met, otherwise he would not be allowed to remain in the place. -- Leslie's Weekly.

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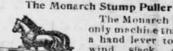
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